

REMARKS

Claims 1, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17-21, 24, 25 and 27 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17, 19 and 21 are amended to make these claims dependent to allowed independent claim 24 and/or to correct informalities. Claims 5-9, 12, 13, 16 and 28-35 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited in these claims. No new matter is added.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 since the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance (for the reasons discussed herein) and (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration as the claims are allowable for their dependence from allowed base claim 24 and claims 14 and 15 are amended merely to conform to the specification (paragraph [0008]). The amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are made in response to arguments raised in the final rejection. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 24, 25 and 27 contain allowable subject matter. Applicants have amended claims 1, 10, 11, 17, 19 and 21 to make these claims dependent to allowed independent claim 24.

The Office Action rejects claim 1, 5-9, 12-21, 28-30 and 32-35 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Tsuchii (U.S. Patent No. 6,398,353) in view of Samsung (KR 2001045304A) and further in view of Dowell (U.S. Patent No. 6,773,097); and rejects claims 10, 11 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Tsuchii in view of Samsung and further in view of Dowell and Hayashi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,698,871) (Hayashi). The rejections of canceled claims 5-9, 12, 13, 16 and 28-35 are moot. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections of claims 1, 10, 11, 14, 15 and 17-21.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 10, 11, 14, 15 and 17-21 should be allowed based on the dependence of these claims from allowable independent claim 24, as

well as on the additional features recited in these claims. For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections of claims 1, 10, 11, 14, 15 and 17-21 should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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